	Central Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting Minutes May 12, 2008 1:00 p.m 3:00 p.m. NEBO	
Agenda Item	Discussion	Decisions /Follow- up
<ul> <li>Welcome</li> <li>Introduction of AIDS     Administration Staff and     Participants</li> <li>Review of March's Minutes &amp;     Evaluations</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Carolyn Massey, Karen Bellesky &amp; Claudia Gray welcomed everyone to the meeting.</li> <li>Introductions occurred.</li> <li>Claudia stated that 36 evaluations were completed. The ratings were favorable.</li> <li>Karen expressed desire for more evaluations to be completed.</li> </ul>	N/A
<ul><li>Meeting Framework</li><li>Overview of RAC</li><li>Meeting Purpose</li></ul>	Karen discussed the reason for RAC meetings and encouraged continued participation.	N/A
<ul> <li>HIV Care Services</li> <li>Review of HIV Care Priorities</li> <li>Review of Allocation Formula &amp; Allocations</li> </ul>	Glenn Clark reviewed slides of the HIV Care Priorities and the Allocation Formula for SFY 2009 – Central Region.	N/A
<ul><li>Recruitment Brainstorming</li><li>Small Group Discussions</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Claudia Gray explained the directions for the activity and asks the participant to get into groups, brainstorm and share ideas.</li> <li>Each group shared their ideas and suggestions about recruitment and future meetings. (See attached)</li> </ul>	N/A
<ul> <li>Resource Decision Making</li> <li>Membership: CPG</li> <li>HIV Testing Legislative Update</li> <li>Claudia Gray introduced herself as Chief of the Prevention Center for the AIDS         <ul> <li>Administration and began her slideshow presentation about HIV prevention resource decision making, Priority Populations for HIV Prevention, CPG membership, and recent HIV testing legislation.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		N/A
Wrap Up  • Announcements	An announcement was made by Carolyn Massey about women's support groups at the Anne Arundel Health Department, Harry Truman Blvd. in Annapolis. The	

•	<ul> <li>group will be meeting on June 18, 2008 from 12pm-2pm.</li> <li>Carolyn also announced that there will be a Greater Baltimore HIV Health Services Planning Council meeting at the YWCA, Baltimore, on June 17, 2008 from 6 pm-8 pm.</li> <li>Dorcas Baker announced that Nebo Christian Ministries will be presenting "Faith in Actions Embracing with compassion Eradicating Stigme &amp; Engagement</li> </ul>	
	in Action: Embracing with compassion, Eradicating Stigma & Encouraging Testing" June 11, 2008, 8:30 am-4 pm	
Meeting Schedule	• The next Central RAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 23, 2008 at the Baltimore County Health Department 5-7 pm however date and location will be confirmed by Federal mail and/or email.	
Evaluations	Evaluations were distributed and collected.	Evaluatio
	• 42 attended the meeting today.	n results
		will be
		shared in
		the
		future.

Childcare Payment Requests: 0 Travel Expense Requests: 1

## **Central RAC Recruitment Brainstorming Session**

	Who are we missing?	Why are they missing?	How can we recruit?
Group 1	<ul> <li>General community members/consumers</li> <li>Representatives from legislators</li> <li>Provider coalitions</li> <li>ID providers</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Timing/convenience</li> <li>Do they know about it, understand the value</li> <li>Transportation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Postings</li> <li>Go to where consumers are</li> <li>Rotate sites among providers</li> <li>Go to the counties; city may be a trigger</li> <li>Letting them know they can participate open discussion-if not @ every monthly but a designated time.</li> </ul>
Group 2	<ul> <li>The MD Correctional Institution</li> <li>Baltimore Medical Systems</li> <li>The Marian House – Women in Transition</li> <li>Agency Providers</li> <li>Prisoners AID</li> <li>Project Peace</li> <li>NA HDQUTERS</li> <li>AL-ANON</li> <li>MANNA House</li> <li>Transitional Housing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>They were not invited</li> <li>Onus on the Providers</li> </ul>	To Contact:  The Gay Family Foundation, Dwayne Taylor (this organization has changed its name is now known as "The Taylor-Wilks Group, Inc.")  IGS: Inter Group Services Problem Solving Court The Mental Health Court Fast Court The Baltimore City Police Dept
Group 3	<ul> <li>HIV positive consumers</li> <li>HOPWA/Housing</li> <li>Corrections/Prisoners AID</li> <li>Youth Services</li> <li>Dept of Social Services</li> <li>Mental Health</li> <li>Addictions (BOAS)</li> <li>Senior Citizens</li> <li>MSDE</li> <li>HIV/MAYORS Commission (Terry Brown, etc)</li> <li>Faith-Based Initiatives</li> <li>Media – Not present</li> <li>Prevention &amp; Care integration</li> <li>Spanish speaking</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>(Awareness) Has community been informed of the meetings?</li> <li>Providers must come</li> <li>What are we to accomplish from meetings? (Purpose) Webinar Session</li> <li>Feasibility of MTG times/places</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Media – every form can advertise meetings</li> <li>Print/release agendas in advance</li> <li>Excellent venue for networking/provider relations</li> <li>Webinar/Webcasts</li> <li>Mayor – to send out info to Dept heads</li> <li>How is meeting info distributed?</li> <li>Transportation – RAC funding to bring consumers</li> <li>Project leap graduates should attend; hold a meet/greet tables of information</li> </ul>

Group 4	<ul> <li>Faith based leaders</li> <li>Clients/Consumers</li> <li>Providers</li> <li>Family members</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Clients: (A) Transportation         <ul> <li>(B) Childcare</li> </ul> </li> <li>Providers: (A) Lack of         <ul> <li>Communication (B)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Notification about meetings</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Email notifications to providers</li> <li>Web page for providers</li> <li>Mailed notification</li> <li>Giving clearer directions</li> <li>Find out about provider service and providers that attend the meetings</li> <li>Notify local legislators giving adequate notification</li> </ul>
Group 5	<ul> <li>During introduction just name/organization not specialty/job/role/consumers – noted observation</li> <li>Recommend spectrum of workers</li> <li>Peer advocates</li> <li>? Requirement for LEAP – consumers &amp; "Leapers" Taylor Wilks group. LEAP (Leadership, Empowerment, Advocacy Program) is a consumer Leadership group.</li> <li>Consumers not just supervisors</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>How is information passed along to people back in the offices</li> <li>Encourage attendance</li> <li>Transportation issues. w/ RAC funds can allow consumers</li> <li>Stronger promotion of trans. and/or getting info to consumers and reminder to providers to encourage attendance/voiceaddress needs, care</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>CAB meetings</li> <li>Flyers</li> <li>Providers encourage new consumers and existing consumers representation</li> <li>Other roles within agencies not just supervision overseers of budgets/programs</li> </ul>
Group 6	<ul> <li>City Services: Central Booking, Police, DSS.</li> <li>Planning Council</li> <li>CABs</li> <li>Spanish speaking/day laborer</li> <li>Latinos – staff</li> <li>Faith based groups w/and w/o HIV</li> <li>County reps other than HIV/HD only</li> <li>Homeless community</li> <li>GLBT community organizations/not recess</li> <li>Youth Organizations</li> <li>Non-Christian faith based groups</li> <li>Mental Health Administration</li> <li>Substance Abuse Administration</li> <li>Disabilities Administration</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Not knowledgeable</li> <li>Not interested – why should they come?</li> <li>Meet face-to-face or at least over the phone to promote RAC</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Ask to present about their organizations</li> <li>Utilization of education for HIV resources</li> <li>Meet &amp; greet w/all organizations</li> </ul>